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SUBJECT: NEPALESE TRADE DELEGATION IN BANGLADESH

REF: KATHMANDU 1551

1. PRESS REPORTS THAT TEN MAN NEPALESE TRADE DELEGATION LEFT FOR BANGLADESH ON MARCH 26. DELEGATION, WHICH HEADED BY PRESIDENT OF NEPALESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, INCLUDES BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES. PURPOSE REPORTEDLY IS NOT ONLY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ITEMS OF BILATERAL TRADE BUT ALSO TO EXPLORE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OVERLAND TRADE AND PORT FACILITIES IN WAKE INDIAN/NEPALESE TRADE AND TRANSIT AGREEMENT OPENING UP TRADE ROUTE THROUGH BANGLADESH (REFTEL).

2. COMMENT: THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM LOCALLY ABOUT PRACTICALITY OF USING BANGLADESH AS TRANSIT ROUTE FOR NEPALESE TRADE. DISPATCH OF THIS DELEGATION, HOWEVER, SO SOON AFTER CONCLUSION OF TRADE AND TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS WITH INDIA, APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT AT LEAST SOME WITHIN GON AND ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIDE FEEL THAT ALTERNATE TRADE ROUTE IS INDEED FEASIBLE. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT PRACTICAL CONSTRAINTS ARISE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH BANGLADESH AUTHORITIES AND HOW THESE COMPARE TO ARRANGEMENTS GOI IS OFFERING IN CALCUTTA.
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